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# INTRODUCTION

FEBA Annual Convention 2019 took place on 15-18 May 2019 in Rome, Italy and brought together more than 100 participants from 31 countries, including Food Bankers, policy-makers, business partners, leading experts and other NGO representatives, including the Global FoodBanking Network and Feeding America.

The focus of FEBA Annual **Convention 2019 was "Towards** the next decade, together" with the explicit intent to address the future of Food Banks in Europe. It also focused on the importance of strengthening ties within our network and with all relevant stakeholders - public institutions, food supply chain, and other NGOs. It was the occasion to share existing knowledge and best practice and to identify future goals and actions which can concretely contribute to the achievement of the UN SDGs. in particular the target 12.3.

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The European Food Banks
Federation wants to play a key
role in the challenges ahead and
our Annual Convention will be the
place to discuss and define the
future of the European Food Banks
together with our members and
partners.



Jacques Vandenschrik President, European Food Banks Federation

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Considering their impressive impact on hunger and food waste reduction, Food Banks can play a vital role in creating a more sustainable, fair and equitable society. Despite cultural differences and operational models, 24 countries prove to be able to work together for the same purpose. This is a real Europe.



Andrea Giussani Former President, Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus

# DAY 1 WEDNESDAY MAY 1 1 MAY 1 WEDNESDAY MAY 1 MA

#### OCATION: FAO

FEBA Annual Convention started with an international meeting organized at the FAO HQ in collaboration with Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus and under the patronage of Alleanza Italiana per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile.

12h30 - 14h00

#### Welcome lunch

14h00 - 14h30

#### **Opening remarks**

Moderator: Mr. Günter Hemrich, Deputy Director, a.i., Nutrition and Food Systems Division, FAO

- Jacques Vandenschrik, President, European Food Banks Federation
- Máximo Torero Cullen, Assistant Director-General, Economic and Social Development Department, FAO

14h00 - 15h15

#### **Keynote Speakers**

- Alessandro Perego, Full Professor of Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Politecnico di Milano
- Jamie Morrison, Strategic Programme Leader, Food Systems Programme, FAO

15h15 - 16h20

#### **Case histories**

Moderator: Laura Gavinelli Ph.D., Senior Research Consultant at CRIET Interuniversity Research Centre in the Economics for Territories and Research Fellow at Di.SEA.DE, University of Milan-Bicocca

#### SPEAKERS

- Rosa Rolle, Senior Enterprise Development Officer, Team Leader Food Losses and Waste, FAO
- Anne-Laure Gassin, Policy Officer, Health and Food Safety Directorate General, European Commission
- Renato Dagostino, Member of Table for Food Aid and Fight Food Waste MIPAAFT, MEF (IT)
- Karla Feijao, Coordinator of Serviço Social de Comércio (SESC), Mesa Brasil (BR)
- Claire Babineaux-Fontenot, CEO, Feeding America (USA)
- · Luca Bolognesi, Co-founder, Bella Dentro S.r.l. (IT)
- · Kristina Tylaitė, Deputy Director, Maisto bankas (LT)

16h20 - 16h45

#### Break with exchange of experiences

16h45 - 18h00

#### **Case histories**

Moderator: Laura Gavinelli Ph.D., Senior Research Consultant at CRIET Interuniversity Research Centre in the Economics for Territories and Research Fellow at Di.SEA.DE, University of Milan-Bicocca

#### **SPEAKERS**

- Lisa Moon, President and CEO, Global FoodBanking Network (USA)
- Federica Calcagno, Food Technologist, Fontaneto S.r.l. (IT)
- Roberto Scarpari, Responsible Siticibo Programme, Banco Alimentare Trentino-Alto Adige (IT)
- Emma Walsh, COO, FoodCloud (IRL)
- Tiziana Ciampolini, CEO of S-NODI, Caritas Italiana (IT)
- Federica Lucini, Marketing & Promotion Manager, Italian Exhibition Group SpA, Federcongressi (IT)
- Jacques Bailet, President, Fédération Française des Banques Alimentaires (FR)
- Marta Castrica, CEO, Feed From Food S.r.l. (IT)

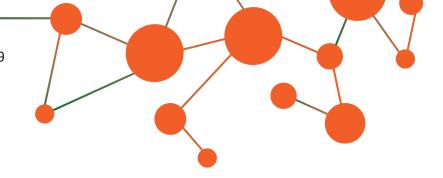
18h00 - 18h30

#### **Closing remarks**

Enrico Giovannini, Full Professor and Director at Alleanza Italiana per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile

19h15

**Evening for the 30th anniversary of FBAO** 



# **WORKING TOGETHER TO** ACHIEVE SDG 12.3



By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including postharvest losses.

In the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically the SDG target 12.3, the traditional FEBA Annual Convention was introduced on May 15th by an International Meeting open to public "Working together to achieve SDG 12.3. Concrete actions preventing food waste", and hosted in the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The topic of the meeting was SDG 12, ensuring sustainable consumption, or specifically target 12.3, reducing global food waste at the retailer and consumer levels and food loss along production and supply chains by 50% per capita. It was a concrete opportunity to take stop of all the initiatives that have been implemented globally by aggregating the results and the impacts obtained in the different countries.

The introductory section of the meeting was headlined by presentations from several high-ranking officials and researchers, including Mr. Jacques Vandenschrik, President of FEBA, Mr. Maximo Torero Cullen, Assistant Director General of FAO's Economic and Social Department, Prof. Alessandro Perego of Politecnico di Milano, as well as Mr. Jamie Morrison, Director and Strategic Programme Leader at FAO.



FEBA wants to play a key role in the challenges ahead, focusing not only on each one of the issues individually but also on how they inter-relate, and how they affect and are affected by each other.

During his remarks Mr. Torero Cullen for example focused on the challenges of the rising demand for sustainable food resulting from the world's growing population, which according to estimates will not only grow up to 10 billion people by 2050 but also need more than 60% more food than humanity is consuming today. He outlined how reducing food loss along the production chain and food waste on the part of the consumer are essential to successfully completing the balancing act of feeding so many more people, while simultaneously dealing with important resources like water becoming scarcer than ever before. He described the role of Food Banks in this area as invaluable, as they not only reduce food loss on the part of the producers, but also food waste by consumers.



After the opening remarks and the two keynote speakers, the following panels concentrated on several case studies finding and identifying best practices for preventing food loss and waste. This panel consisted of officials and representatives of public authorities (FAO, DG Health and Food Safety, European Commission, Italian Ministry for Economy and Finance), of civil society organizations (Mesa Brasil, Feeding America, Maisto Bankas, Global FoodBanking Network, Banco Alimentare Trentino-Alto Adige, FoodCloud, Caritas Italiana, and Fédération Française des Banques Alimentaires) and of several companies or startups (Bella Dentro, Fontaneto, Federcongressi, and Feed From Food).

On a general level the focus was also put on guidelines, frameworks and settings to achieve the biggest impact on society as a whole. This approach was exemplified by several EU-wide actions to facilitate food donation, fight food waste, better understand the problems regarding food loss and waste through dialogue with national organizations in the field and leverage learning and experience throughout the EU.

Other focuses of the panel were a better coordination of the different stakeholders of the food supply chain and an improvement of the cooperation between all the players - producers, administrations and charity organizations - finding ways to encourage food donation through initiatives like tax breaks and simplifying administrative procedures in order to implement legislation in a more efficient and effective way.

The closing remarks of the meeting were held by Prof. Enrico Giovannini, the director of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASviS), which also patronized the meeting. Throughout his remarks he once again put the topics of reducing food loss and food waste within the context of the SDGs as a whole and encouraged everyone to continuously be aware of and use these synergies to achieve even better results. Everybody should know about the SDGs he said, because this is the first time ever a common plan to rescue the world.

Prof. Giovannini also highlighted that the FAO is very committed towards improvement of agriculture and food, but governments cannot do everything. Individuals, civil society, companies, everybody must do much more than what they are doing. He added that the work the European Food Banks Federation is doing as a network and as a community is amazing.



Everybody should know about the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs because for the first time ever this is a common plan to rescue the world.

Thanks to your work, many more companies, associations, civil society organizations and people know what they didn't know: they are wasting a lot of food, energy, water and many other things.



Enrico Giovannini, Full Professor and Director, Alleanza Italiana per lo Sviluppo Sostenibile

# **ANNIVERSARY OF FONDAZIONE BANCO ALIMENTARE ONLUS**



The Italian Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus was created on 30 March 1989 by the meeting of two great men: Cavalier Danilo Fossati, President of Star, and Monsignor Luigi Giussani, founder of Communion and Liberation. Since then. the Italian Food Banks have recovered food that would otherwise be wasted, in order to support charities and feed people in need. The Annual Convention was the occasion to celebrate this great anniversary together.

Thanks to the daily work of over 1,800 volunteers, in 2018 Banco Alimentare recovered, collected, stored and redistributed for free over 90.000 tons of food to 8,000 charitable organizations that assisted about 1,580,000 needy people in Italy.

On behalf of the European Food Banks Federation and all Food Banks in Europe I want to express my warmest congratulations for this anniversary. We are all very proud of what you have achieved during these 30 years and we wish you the same courage and dynamism in your future actions.

Jacques Vandenschrik President, European Food Banks Federation





# THURSDAY MAY 16

#### LOCATION: VILLA AURELIA

On 16 and 17 May participants were gathered in Villa Aurelia to work on the future challenges for Food Banks in Europe in order to identify common goals and actions

The aim of these two days was to have an open discussion on the main challenges taking place at global level (THINK GLOBAL), to understand their wide-ranging implications at the local level (ACT LOCAL) and to explore how to best harness such changes for the benefit of European Food Banks (SHARE GLOBAL). Participants had the opportunity to intervene in the working tables and insights were much appreciated to enrich the debate.

#### 8h00

#### Registration

#### 9h00 - 9h30

#### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

- · Jacques Vandenschrik, President, European Food Banks Federation
- Andrea Giussani, President, Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus

#### 9h30 - 10h00

#### **Keynote Speakers**

• Tobias Becker, Global Head of Government Relations and Director Africa, ABB Ltd

#### 10h00 - 11h00

#### Insights from the institutions

- Anne-Laure Gassin, Policy Officer, Health and Food Safety Directorate General, European Commission
- Loris Di Pietrantonio, Head of Unit, Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion Directorate General, European Commission

#### 11h00 - 11h30

#### **Coffee break**

#### 11h30 - 13h00

#### **Working tables**

Understanding the topic

13h00 - 14h30

#### **Networking lunch**

14h30 - 16h00

#### **Working tables**

Brainstorming: increasing knowledge and sharing experience

16h00 - 16h30

#### **Coffee break**

with possibility to see the Siticibo programme in action

16h30 - 18h00

#### **Working tables**

Brainstorming: increasing knowledge and sharing experience

18h00 - 18h30

#### Welcome to #WeAreFEBA!

Brainstorming: increasing knowledge and sharing experience

19h00

#### Free evening

# THINK GLOBAL **ACT LOCAL**

The day started with the opening remarks of Jacques Vandenschrik, President of the European Food Banks Federation and Andrea Giussani, President of Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus.

The welcoming was followed by a keynote speech from Tobias Becker, Global Head of Government Relations and Director Africa at ABB Ltd.

Then participants had the opportunity to get insights from the European Institutions, thanks to the intervention of Anne-Laure Gassin, Policy Officer at Health and Food Safety Directorate General - European Commission and Loris Di Pietrantonio, Head of Unit at Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion Directorate General - European Commission.

After the plenary session, participants were divided into 8 working groups, each of them focusing on a specific topic:

- Food industry
- Retail sector
- Food service
- Reputation & corporates
- Data collection & IT
- Advocacy with the European Institutions
- Fundraising & Direct Marketing
- Food Collection

Each working group was moderated by an external expert. In the afternoon of the 16th May, participants mainly focused on understanding the topic, increasing knowledge and sharing experience.







#### A daily concrete commitment

Surplus food at FEBA Annual Convention was recovered by volunteers of the Italian Banco Alimentare and redistributed to charities and people in need in Rome. Thank you!





### A TIME FOR CELEBRATION

The Annual Convention was the occasion to welcome Campofrío Food Group as partner; FoodCloud Hubs, Tafel Deutschland e.V. and Matsentralen Norge as Full Members; and Banca pentru Alimente Romania as the newest Associate Member. #WeAreFEBA!

Campofrío Food Group is engaged in the processed meats sector and works in all sales channels and market segments. The company already collaborates with FEBA's network and donated over 1 million kilos of food between January 2017 and November 2018. Following these excellent results, the company decided to confirm its support to European Food Banks by signing a European agreement, settling their commitment in reducing food waste and food insecurity across Europe. From this collaboration the FEBA's network not only will receive surplus food from Campofrío's factories but will also receive European support through motivated and passionate people dedicated to the cause.

FEBA family is growing: Banca pentru Alimente Romania became our 5th Associate Member, together with Albania, FYROM-Macedonia, Malta and Slovenia. 99

Becoming an Associate Member in 2019 means that our efforts, for the past three years, are officially recognized at European level.

Gabriel Sescu, President, Banca pentru Alimente Romania



# DAY 3 FRIDAY **AY 17**



7h30 - 8h00

**Registration General Assemblies** 

8h00 - 9h00

**FEBA General Assemblies** 

#### ACT LOCAL, SHARE GLOBAL

Registration 9h00 - 9h30

**Working tables** 9h30 - 11h00

Common goals and concrete actions to face the future

11h00 - 11h30 **Coffee break** 

**Working tables** 11h30 - 12h30

Common goals and concrete actions to face the future

**Networking lunch** 12h30 - 14h00

14h00 - 15h00 **Plenary Session** 

with restitution from Working tables

15h00 - 15h30

15h30 - 16h30 **Presidents' Meeting** 

to prepare the final intervention and in parallel social activities for other participants

**Coffee break** 16h30 - 17h00

Final intervention "Act local, share global" 17h00 - 17h45

• Jacques Vandenschrik, President, European Food Banks Federation

19h00 Dinner and visit to the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel

# ACT LOCAL SHARE GLOBAL

The day started with the Ordinary General Assembly of the European Food Banks Federation (FEBA), asbl under Belgian law, and the ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies of the Fédération Européenne des Banques Alimentaires, Association Loi de 1901 under French law. Jacques Vandenschrik, President of FEBA, welcomed the new representatives of FoodCloud and Matsentralen Norge who attend the General Assembly for the first time.

Amongst the points addressed during the Assemblies, it is important to highlight that the Extraordinary General Assembly approved the dissolution of the Fédération Européenne des Banques Alimentaires, based in Bourg-la-Reine (Paris), and the transfer of all assets and liabilities to the European Food Banks Federation, based in Brussels.

Then participants gathered again in their working group to continue the work started on May 16. They focused on listing common goals and concrete actions to face the future.

After the lunch, the moderator of each working group presented the output of these 2 days of thinking and sharing on the future of Food Banks. They listed the goals and actions identified by the participants of the working group.

Following this, all the Presidents were gathered for a Presidents' Meeting, in order to prioritize all the goals and actions given by the participants.

Jacques Vandenschrik, President of the European Food Banks Federation, concluded the day thanking everybody for participating and actively contributing to the outcomes of the different working groups: this is the meaning to #WeAreFEBA. The President informed participants that FEBA would present a plan of actions in a second Presidents' Meeting.







This FEBA Annual Convention has been tremendously successful not only because of a big attendance but also because of the commitment of everyone throughout the event, from the International Meeting at the FAO to every single moment.

Jacques Vandenschrik President, European Food Banks Federation

# DAY 4 SATURDAY **VIAY 18**

#### **LOCATION: CONSISTORY HALL, VATICAN**

The members of the European Food Banks Federation were convened to a Private Audience with His Holiness Pope Francis.

To conclude FEBA Annual Convention 2019, members and volunteers of the European Food Banks Federation had the incredible opportunity to meet Pope Francis.

The Audience started with an Address of the President of the European Food Banks Federation to his Holiness Pope Francis, in which he pointed out that giving food is never a gesture of disdain or even a degradation of human dignity. It is a gesture of solidarity, of concern, of fellowship and friendship which makes possible a more loving, more profound and more human relationship.

The Holy Father thanked the Food Banks of Europe for what they do: providing food for the hungry and reducing waste. He encouraged people working in the Food Banks to go forward, involving everyone, especially the youth, so that they can join in promoting the good, to the advantage of all.



Giving food is never a gesture of disdain or even a degradation of human dignity. It is a gesture of solidarity, of concern, of fellowship and friendship which makes possible a more loving, more profound and more human relationship.

Jacques Vandenschrik President, European Food Banks Federation

## ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO MEMBERS OF THE EUROPEAN FOOD **BANKS FEDERATION**

Dear Friends,

After having heard what your President said, I felt the temptation not to speak, because he spoke like a Holy Father! Thank you, because I understood that what you said were words from the heart. Thank you!

I greet you warmly, and through you I would like to greet all the members and volunteers of the Food Banks of Europe. I am happy to welcome you at the conclusion of your annual meeting held here in Rome on the thirtieth anniversary of the establishment of the Food Bank of Italy: congratulations on your anniversary!

I would like to thank you for what you do: providing food to those who are hungry. This does not mean merely offering benefits but rather providing an initial tangible gesture of accompaniment on the path of liberation. When I look at you, I can visualize the commitment of so many people who work quietly without reward, offering so much help. It is always easy to speak about others; it is much harder to give to others, and yet this is what matters. You get involved not with words, but with real life, because you are fighting against food wastage, salvaging what would have gone to waste. You take what is thrown into the vicious cycle of waste and insert it into the "virtuous circle" of good use. Your work is like that of trees – this is the image that comes to mind – which breathe in pollution but give back oxygen. And like trees, you do not keep the oxygen: you distribute the quantity required for living so that it reaches those in need.

Fighting against the terrible scourge of hunger means also fighting waste. Waste reveals an indifference towards things and towards those who go without. Wastefulness is the crudest form of discarding. I think of the moment when Jesus, after the distribution of the loaves to the crowd, asks for the scraps to be gathered up, so that nothing would go to waste (cf. Jn 6:12). Gathering in order to redistribute; not production that leads to waste. To throw food away means to throw people away. It is scandalous today not to notice how precious food is as a good, and how so much good ends up so badly.





Wasting what is good is a nasty habit that can insinuate itself anywhere, even in charitable works. At times, good initiatives guided by the best intentions can get frustrated by extended bureaucracy, excessive administrative costs, or become forms of welfare that do not lead to authentic development. In today's complex world it is important that good is done well, and that it is not the fruit of improvisation; it requires intelligence, the capacity for planning and continuity. It needs an integrated vision, of persons who stand together: it is difficult to do good while not caring for each other. In this sense, your experiences, even recent ones, take us back to the roots of solidarity in Europe; for they seek unity within concrete goodness. It is good to see languages, beliefs, traditions and different approaches converging, not for self-interest, but rather to give dignity to others. The work you do, without many words, sends a clear message: it is not by seeking our own advantage that we build the future; the progress of all advances each time we walk with those who are left behind.

The economy has a profound need of this. Everything is connected and rapid today, but the frenetic scramble for money is accompanied by an interior frailty that is ever more acute, and by an increasingly evident disorientation and loss of meaning. What I care about is an economy that is more humane, that has a soul, and not a reckless machine that crushes human beings. Too many people today are without work, dignity or hope; and still others are oppressed by inhuman demands of production that empty human relations and have a negative impact on both family and personal life. Sometimes, when I exercise the ministry of Confession, there are young people who have children, and I ask them: "Do you play with your children?" And many times the answer is: "Father, I don't have time... When I leave home to go to work they are still asleep, and when I return home they are already in bed". This is inhuman: this vertigo of inhuman work. The economy that was established to "look after the home", has become dehumanized; instead of serving humanity, it enslaves us, subjugates us to monetary mechanisms that are ever more distant from real life and increasingly difficult to control. Financial mechanisms are "liquid", they are "gaseous", they have no consistency. How can we live comfortably when human persons are being reduced to numbers, when statistics replace human faces, when lives depend on stock markets?

What can we do? Faced with an economic situation that is ailing, we cannot intervene with brute force and risk causing death. Yet we must find a cure: not by creating instability or dreaming of the past, but rather supporting what is good and taking up paths of solidarity, being constructive. We must come together to relaunch what is good, knowing full well that, even if evil is at large into the world, with God's help and the good will of so many like yourselves, the world can be a better place. We need to support those who wish to change things for the better; we need to encourage models of growth based on social equality, on the dignity of human persons, on families, on the future of young people, on respect for the environment. A circular economy is no longer something we can put off. Waste cannot be the last word bequeathed to posterity by the well-off few, while the majority of humanity remains silent.

With these expressions of concern and hope that I wanted to share with you, I extend to you once more my gratitude and I encourage you to go forward, involving everyone you meet, especially the youth, so that they can join you in promoting the good, to the advantage of all.









# #WeAreFEBA because...

Food is both a local and global issue.



Cristiano Aubert, Chairman of the Board, Matsentralen Norge

We are all Europeans.



Jacques Bailet, President, Fédération française des Banques Alimentaires

Joint efforts will bring the needed global changes to prevent food waste.



Nadiya Borysenko, Founder and Manager, KCCF Food Bank

Food is love and there isn't enough love around. Food brings us together and we show solidarity with our FEBA brothers and sisters.



Lindsay Boswell, Chief Executive, FareShare

Food waste knows no borders.



Jochen Brühl, Chairman of the Board of Director, Tafel Deutschland e.V.

We pursue the same goal.



Giovanni Bruno, President, Fondazione Banco Alimentare Onlus

We enjoy sharing ourselves with others.



Beata Ciepla, Vice President, Federacja Polskich Banków Żywności

We are members of the same family.



Balázs Cseh, President, Magyar Élelmiszerbank Egyesület

Food waste is a global problem.



Jack Dunphy, Chairman, FoodCloud Hubs

We, all together, can move the world!



Herbert Herdlicka, Chairman, Wiener Tafel

I believe in solidarity.



Tom Hillemans, Vice President, Voedselbanken Nederland

It's an honor to be in service of people in need!



Dusko Hristov, President & CEO, Banka Za Hrana Makedonija

We believe in a zero hunger world and we work on it!



Radmila Ivetic, President, Banka Hrane Beograd

We fight against hunger and food waste in Europe.



Jozef Mottar, CEO, Fédération Belge des Banques Alimentaires / Belgische Federatie van Voedselbanken

We support people and fight food waste passionately!



Dimitris Nentas, Manager, Food Bank Greece

We care about people, environment and our planet.



Alen Novit, Director, Sibahe – Slovenian Food Bank

We believe in FEBA's values.



Juan Vincente Peral Ayala, President, Federación Española de Bancos de Alimentos

United countries can help people in need.



Irene Schembri, Chairperson, Malta Food Bank Foundation We are united in a mission.



Aleš Slavíček, Chairman, Česká Federace Potravinovych Bank

Together we make a difference.



Karen Inger Thorsen, Director, FødevareBanken

Food and people matter.



Kristina Tylaitė, Deputy Director, Maisto bankas It will help us very much.



Marko Urdzik, President, Potravinová banka Slovenska

We believe in humanity and its intelligence.



Jacques Vandenschrik, President, European Food **Banks Federation** 

Albania is part of Europe's future.



Wilma Verburg, Executive Director, Food Bank Albania

## **AKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The European Food Banks Federation takes this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge Costa Crociere and Elior Italia for their big support for our Annual Convention 2019.





Food value is core for Costa, working on enhancing respect and responsible consumption is part of our journey. Partnering with FEBA has been instrumental to deliver a unique program to distribute disembarked surplus food to communities in need. Sharing our joint work and incredible results (over 120,000 meals, 11 beneficiaries associations involved in 9 ports worldwide) at the Annual Convention has been a pleasure and an opportunity to encourage other countries to implement it. Working together to design new paths and ambitious programs is our mutual challenge and we are proud to support FEBA to widen its horizons.

Stefania Lallai, Sustainability and External Relations Director, Costa Crociere





We were invited as speakers of this important event. In addition, the conference started with an International Meeting at the FAO, where we handle the catering service. For us, the value of food is a priority which personally involves us in our daily activity. We do this by paying attention to the entire meals production chain, using innovative solutions from a technological point of view in order to minimize waste. Furthermore, for over ten years we have been collaborating with Banco Alimentare Foundation, recovering surplus food from some of our restaurants. [...]

Elior Ristorazione Italia







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